

his exceptional leadership and transformative impact at the Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences.

Dr. Murphy is an internationally recognized expert in respiratory infectious diseases, specializing in otitis media (ear infections) in children and lower respiratory tract infections in adults with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD). His groundbreaking work has identified causes of bacterial infections and developed vaccinations and intervention strategies to prevent and treat these illnesses.

Additionally, in 2015, Dr. Murphy founded the University at Buffalo's Clinical and Translational Science Institute (CTSI) with support from the National Institute of Health. Under Dr. Murphy's leadership, the CTSI has spearheaded efforts to improve health care and reduce health disparities in Western New York. Dr. Murphy and the CTSI team have enhanced education for clinical research, advanced data science, and increased university partnerships with community organizations.

For twelve years, Dr. Murphy has directed the Ruth L. Kirschstein NRSA Short-Term Institutional Research Training Grant to address the national shortage of clinical scientists. This vital program introduces medical and pharmacy students to careers as clinical scientists through structured research and professional development training. Dr. Murphy has prioritized recruiting individuals from underrepresented communities to help rebuild the biomedical research workforce.

As a SUNY Distinguished Professor and Senior Associate Dean for Clinical and Translational Research, Dr. Murphy is a pillar of the University at Buffalo Department of Medicine's academic community. With 230 publications and 13 patents and chapters in medical textbooks, Dr. Murphy's work has played a pivotal role in preventing and treating respiratory tract bacterial diseases.

Please join me in congratulating Dr. Timothy Murphy on receiving the University at Buffalo President's Medal and thanking him for his commitment to making our community a healthier place.

RECOGNIZING PIPER ELECTRIC

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 20, 2024

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Piper Electric of Arvada, Colorado for winning the Arvada Economic Development Association's 2024 Outstanding Large Business Award. Each year, this award honors a local company who brings job growth, economic investment, and innovation to the Arvada business community.

Since 1983, Piper Electric has provided electrical services ranging from wiring updates and installation in residential homes to electrical construction and maintenance projects in commercial sites throughout Arvada and Jefferson County. As Piper Electric continues to expand, they remain committed to serving the Colorado community. Ongoing projects such as the expansion of their headquarters or their partnering with a national electrical group to increase their resources and job-capabilities, highlight the company's mission of providing high-quality jobs and services for families throughout our state.

On behalf of the people of Colorado's Seventh Congressional District, it is my honor to congratulate Piper Electric for receiving the Outstanding Large Business Award and for their passionate work within Arvada, Colorado.

HONORING COACH CAROLYN WRIGHT

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 20, 2024

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a loving wife, seasoned educator, legendary coach, and dear friend of long-standing, Coach Carolyn Wright. An event to celebrate her remarkable coaching career was held on Saturday, August 10, 2024, at The Perfect Place in Columbus, Georgia. Coach Wright will be retiring after 45 years of dedicated service to education and athletics.

The genesis of the life of Coach Wright began in Tuskegee, Alabama. She is a product of the Tuskegee Institute High School, graduating from there in 1974. Coach Wright furthered her education in 1978 when she graduated from Alabama State University in 1978 earning a BS Degree in Physical Education/Special Education. Coach Wright went on to receive a master's degree in Specific Learning Disabilities in 1981 also from Alabama State.

Her career in education began at St. Jude Home for Children in Montgomery, Alabama. She also taught special education students at Hancock Central in Sparta, Georgia from 1978 to 79 and learning disability students at Stanhope Elmore High School Millbrook, Alabama from 1979 to 91. She spent her summers honing her education and coaching skills by working with the Upward Bound Program and the National Sports Youth Program at Alabama State University from 1979 through 1985. Her legendary coaching career began in 1986 at McIntyre Junior High School where she coached basketball, softball, track, volleyball, and bowling. She left that position in 1991.

In 1991, she became the head coach at Central High School. She helped to guide the Lady Red Devils to four Final Four appearances, 12 appearances in the sweet sixteen, nine appearances in the Elite Eight, and 18 State tournament appearances overall. Her teams won 11 area championships while she amassed an overall record of 597–375 in 32 overall seasons at the helm. Her amazing career only produced four losing seasons as she was named bi-city coach of the year on several occasions. She was awarded the Sports Vision Legacy Award in 2018–19.

Her legacy extended beyond basketball, as she was instrumental in starting a volleyball program in the Phenix City Schools. She coached Volleyball at Central High School for sixteen years, winning more than 200 games. Her volleyball teams reached the Super Regional Tourney in 2014 for the first time in school history. She also served as the girls' head track coach and the boys' assistant track coach from 1992 through 2007. Coach Wright helped to guide 14 individual girls and relay teams to state titles. Overall, she coached more than 30 boys and girls state champions. Because of her commitment to excellence,

Coach Wright is largely responsible for over 200 athletes obtaining scholarships to colleges and universities.

Leaving behind a stellar career and legacy at Central, Coach Wright is now the Athletic Director and Head Girls Varsity Basketball Coach and Physical Education Instructor at Johnson Abernathy Graetz High School. During her tenure at Johnson Abernathy, Coach Wright was blessed to enter the 600-win club. Coach Tom Landry once said that "A coach is someone who tells you what you don't want to hear, who has to see what you don't want to see so you can be who you always knew you could be." For over four decades, Coach Carolyn Wright has been helping young people from all walks of life to become who they always knew they could become.

Coach Wright has spent 45 years in the teaching profession and has distinguished herself as a leader and mentor to those coming behind her. She was the chair of the Health and Physical Education Department at Central and the Freshman Academy from 1991 to 2003. She served as the Assistant Athletics Director from 2009 to 2021. Coach Wright served on the AHSAA Strategic Planning Committee in 2016. And because of her commitment to excellence, she was chosen as the Phenix City Public Schools Secondary Teacher of the Year in 2014–15.

She has accomplished much in her life but none of it would have been possible without the love and grace of God and the support of her husband, Coach Bobby Wright who is a Hall of Fame basketball coach in his own right. This amazing couple is the only husband-wife duo to be inducted into the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame. Between the two of them, they have amassed 1,227 wins and a winning percentage of .680, the highest winning percentage of any husband-wife duo in the history of the State of Alabama.

But even with all of this, Coach Wright has found time to be a faithful servant of God as a member of the Saint John African Methodist Episcopal Church where she serves as a member of the Steward Board. She has also been a dedicated member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc since 1976 and is currently an active member of the Gamma Tau Omega Chapter.

On a personal note, both Coach Wrights have been dear friends to my wife Vivian and me for many years. We are both thankful for their friendship, support and counsel over the years.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join my wife Vivian, and me in honoring Coach Carolyn Wright for her lifetime of service to God, her community, and humankind. May God continue to rain down blessings upon her, her family, her community and all the young people whose lives she will influence in the days, weeks and months ahead. We wish her the very best as she moves on to the next chapter of her remarkable life.

HONORING THE LIFE OF KENNETH LEE FREEMAN

HON. DOUG LaMALFA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 20, 2024

Mr. LaMALFA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life of Kenneth Lee Freeman of Marysville,

CA who recently passed away at the age of 77 years old.

Ken was born on July 29, 1947, to Tom and Emily (McCornack) Freeman in Atascadero, CA. He was raised at Walking Y Ranch, in San Ardo the family's farm located on 4,000-acres. Due to the isolation of the community, Ken received a special Driver's License at the age of 14 allowing him to attend King City High School which was a 40 mile drive each way. While in high school, Ken played baseball, football, participated in FFA, and became an Eagle Scout.

Ken would go on to attend California Polytechnic State University in San Luis Obispo, earning his Bachelor's Degree in Agribusiness Management in 1969. Ken would marry his first wife Marilyn Wilson of 32 years, whom he met while they both attended Cal Poly. Ken would then attend the University of Nevada, Reno earning two Master's Degrees. During college, Ken worked as an oil field drill hand in San Ardo, at the Cal Poly Power Plant, and as a resource researcher in Reno.

Ken and his family would move to Yuba City in 1977. The young family would purchase Feather River Mills, Inc. a western wear, tack, animal supply, and feed store. He would serve as the CEO and lead the daily operations of the business for the next 26 years where he valued his staff, customers, and community. The family would keep the business going until 2003.

Ken also taught Ag Business, Business Management, and Animal Science classes at Yuba College for over 20 years and greatly enjoyed his students. In 2002, Ken married his second wife Sharron Perkey of 22 years, adding two stepchildren to the family. Ken loved Sharron deeply and was grateful for the many years they had together.

Ken was known as a community leader in the Yuba-Sutter area, founding several causes like the Youth in Agriculture and the Tri-Counties Jr. Rodeo. He was also one of the founders of Focus Marysville and the Marysville Historic Fair. He was also an active member of the Sutter County Masonic Lodge, Sutter County Sheriff's Posse, the Exchange Club, Yuba-Sutter Fair Junior Livestock Committee, Yuba-Sutter Chamber of Commerce, Yuba-Sutter Economic Development Corporation, and conducted fundraisers for Saint Jude Children's Hospital along with many other community groups.

Ken is survived by his daughters, Kim Freeman and Sandy Fowler, stepdaughter, April Rogers, sister Kathy Rossi, and 9 grandchildren. Ken was truly a leader, and his passing will be felt by all those who knew him. Rest in Peace.

HONORING AND REMEMBERING LYONETTE SUE THOMAS

HON. BRUCE WESTERMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 20, 2024

Mr. WESTERMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is with profound sadness that I rise today to honor and remember Lyonette Sue Thomas, a woman of extraordinary strength, devotion, and kindness. Lyonette's life was tragically cut short on August 7, 2024, at the age of 38. Her passing leaves a void in the hearts of all who

knew her, and it is only fitting that we take a moment to reflect on the remarkable life she lived.

Lyonette dedicated her life to the service of others, most notably as a distinguished agent with the 15th Drug Task Force. Her commitment to her work was unwavering, and she served with honor, distinction, and a tireless spirit that inspired those around her. As the first female president of the Arkansas Narcotics Officers Association, she pioneered the path for women in this area of law enforcement.

Her dedication extended beyond her professional life; Lyonette was a loyal supporter of the Arkansas Razorbacks and the Dallas Cowboys, finding joy in every game and celebration. Her love for the great outdoors was equally profound—whether she was deer hunting, trout fishing, tending to her cows, or enjoying a ride on her side-by-side, Lyonette found peace and happiness in nature.

But above all, Lyonette's greatest joy was reserved for her family. Her daughter, Raylyn Sue, and husband Austin were the lights of her life. Her love for family was the foundation of her life, and it was in their company that she found her greatest joy.

Lyonette was also an adventurer at heart, embracing every opportunity to travel across the United States, creating memories that will be cherished by all who accompanied her. Lyonette's closest friends describe her as "a big deal, the main attraction, and someone who made a difference." It is evident that her kindness, radiant smile, and generous spirit touched the lives of many, leaving an indelible mark on all who were fortunate enough to know her.

As we remember Lyonette Thomas, let us honor her life by embodying the qualities she so beautifully exemplified—service, dedication, love, and kindness. Lyonette's legacy is one of love for her family, passion for her work, and a zest for life that will never be forgotten. May we carry her memory with us, and may her family find comfort in knowing that Lyonette's impact on this world was profound and lasting.

RECOGNIZING SERVICIOS DE LA RAZA

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 20, 2024

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Servicios de la Raza of Denver, Colorado in honor of their 11th Annual Raíces Latinas Gala.

Denver Chicano and Chicana activists first founded Servicios de la Raza in 1972 to provide community engagement and economic opportunities for low-income Spanish speakers throughout Colorado. Today, Servicios de la Raza provides a variety of life-changing services for all Coloradans, including a food pantry, clothing bank, job search assistance, and re-entry programs for Coloradans leaving incarceration. Last year, Servicios de la Raza served over 93,000 Coloradans.

The annual Raíces Latinas Gala is a celebration of culture and diversity and honors outstanding community leaders whose activism and community service exemplifies Servicios' mission of inclusion, justice, equity, and peace.

On behalf of the people of Colorado's Seventh Congressional District, it is my honor to congratulate Servicios de la Raza for their Raíces Latinas Gala and thank them for their contributions to the Colorado community.

HONORING THE 108TH BIRTHDAY OF LAVERNE MYRICK

HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 20, 2024

Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mrs. Hazel Laverne Myrick on the momentous milestone of her 108th birthday.

Mrs. Myrick was born on August 20, 1916, in the town of Taloga, Oklahoma. As a member of the Greatest Generation, she demonstrated a strong work ethic and sense of responsibility while taking a job at her local drugstore from the young age of 12. Throughout her youth she enjoyed an active lifestyle, playing a multitude of sports, including golf, baseball, basketball, and bowling.

In 1975, Laverne moved to Harlingen, Texas, where she continues to reside surrounded by family and loved ones.

A devout Christian, her faith has held strong and inspires us all to never lose sight of our morals and values. Her life story and firecracker energy are an inspiration to us all.

I am proud to represent constituents like Mrs. Myrick whose wisdom and strength continues to have an unimaginable impact on our community and her loved ones. In the words of Laverne—"You do the right thing at all time, and at the right time. You don't do it just the first time. You do it all the time no matter how much it hurts."

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Mrs. Hazel Laverne Myrick on such an exceptional occasion and wish her the best on her special day.

HONORING RALPH WALDO ANDERSON

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 20, 2024

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I would like to include in the RECORD the following Resolution in honor of Mr. Ralph Waldo Anderson.

Whereas, Ralph Waldo Anderson was born in Greenbush, Minnesota, on September 23, 1934. Known to all simply as "Waldo," from hardworking roots on the farm he has prospered to a full and active life.

Whereas, Waldo had his first airplane ride from a nearby farm field in 1946.

Whereas, Waldo enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in 1957. He trained as a mechanic and was assigned to Smoky Hill AFB in Salina, Kansas. There, he took flying lessons with the local military flying club, where he earned his Private and Commercial Pilot certificates.

Whereas, in 1959, Waldo was hired by the University of Minnesota as an instructor for the university flight facility at Anoka County Airport.

Whereas, by 1967, Waldo became the Chief Pilot for the University of Minnesota.